

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Spruce Island Development Corporation****Federal Tax ID: 20-1622649****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Spruce Island Development Corporation - Ouzinkie Community Internet Cafe

State Funding Requested: \$1,400,000**House District: 32 / P**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Design and construction of a public internet cafe, hardware for connectivity, computers for the facility, as well as equipment needed to project an internet signal to the Ouzinkie airport.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,400,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,400,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Ouzinkie is an Alutiiq' community of between 150 and 200 people located on Spruce Island just north of Kodiak Island.

The community has very limited internet connectivity via microwave and satellite with extremely slow download and upload speeds and limited bandwidth.

In addition, there is no public internet access in the community. Consequently, many Ouzinkie households are without connectivity and have only occasional internet access.

The Ouzinkie micro-wave system frequently fails and leaves the community without any internet service, sometimes for days at a time.

Although this particular project is new, better internet connectivity has been identified by the Ouzinkie Community (City, Tribe and Native Corporation) as the number 1 immediate priority.

Ouzinkie has formed Spruce Island Development Corporation (SIDCO) as a non-profit entity with city, tribal and corporation membership to work for the economic improvement of Ouzinkie.

SIDCO has successfully completed State of Alaska grants in the past. Ouzinkie, through SIDCO, is seeking \$1,400,000 to fund construction of a public internet cafeteria, hardware for connectivity, computers for the facility as well as materials

needed to project an internet signal to the Ouzinkie airport.

One of the Ouzinkie community entities will provide the land for the internet cafe as an "in kind" contribution to the project. Estimated costs, including shipping, are as follows:

1. Design, engineering and permitting	\$100,000.
2. Construct 24x36 (864 sq.ft.) building	\$500,000.
3. Up to date Satellite and/or microwave equipment and hardware	\$500,000.
4. Computers and related equipment/furnishings for funding construction Internet Cafe	\$50,000.
5. Polls and repeaters for signal at airport	\$150,000
6. Misc. Contingencies (8%)	\$100,000
Total Project Costs	\$1,400.00

Project Timeline:

Design, Engineering, and Permitting: Fall of 2022/Winter of 2023

Construction of facility and Purchase of Necessary Equipment: March of 2023-September of 2023

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Spruce Island Development Corporation

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No